



Fact Sheet

Proposed Information Collection Request: Stormwater Management Including Discharges from Developed Sites

Summary

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted a proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. EPA is seeking approval to distribute multiple mandatory questionnaires under the authority of the Clean Water Act to inform a rulemaking to strengthen national stormwater regulations and to establish a comprehensive program to reduce stormwater discharges from developed sites. This is the second opportunity for public comment on the proposed questionnaires, which EPA revised to address comments received during the first *Federal Register* comment period that ended on December 30, 2009.

Background on Stormwater

Developed sites, such as subdivisions and commercial shopping centers, can significantly alter the hydrology of the site and can have a negative impact on receiving waterbodies.

Generally, as sites are developed, there is an increase in areas where water cannot soak into the ground (i.e. impervious areas) leading to increases in stormwater volume. This additional stormwater volume, as well as the introduction of pollutants such as fertilizers and deposition of vehicle emissions, contributes to increased stormwater impacts. Development and redevelopment can also significantly reduce groundwater recharge, leading to lower water tables and a reduction in local stream levels between storms.

In December 2009, EPA announced a proposed rulemaking to strengthen its stormwater program and to further reduce the impact of long term stormwater discharges from developed sites.

Proposed Questionnaires

EPA will use the information collected in the proposed questionnaires to inform its stormwater rulemaking.

The mandatory questionnaires will be sent to owners and developers of newly and redeveloped sites; owners and operators of municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s); State, county, and local Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and NPDES Permitting Authorities.

EPA developed a short and long version of the Owner/Developer questionnaires. Both are designed to gather information on building and real estate improvement projects, long term stormwater management and controls associated with these projects, and financial conditions.

The MS4 and NPDES Permitting Authority questionnaires will gather information to characterize the current scope, components, and implementation of existing local, county, and state

stormwater programs; ordinances and laws that may constrain long term stormwater best management practices; retrofit requirements for existing property;

and the current burden and expenditures to comply with and enforce existing requirements.

Additional Information

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You can view or download the complete text of this *Federal Register* notice, the questionnaires, and the ICR Support Statement, or EPA's announcement of this rulemaking on the Internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/rulemaking>.

EPA will accept comments for 30 days after publication of this notice.